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1. TURKEY'S AEGEAN POLICY DREW FURTHER POLITICAL COMMENTARY AUGUST 2 FROM DEP. PRIMIN ERBAKAN AND OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI, WHILE THE PRESS CONTINUED TO REFLECT SPECULATION AND PARTISAN OPINION.
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2. ERBAKAN, ON A TOUR OF EASTERN TURKEY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SURVEY SHIP SISMIK WERE IN ACCORD WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND IF OIL WAS DISCOVERED, "WE WILL OF COURSE EXPLOIT IT IN THE TURKISH PART OF THE AEGEAN."

3. BOZBEYLI CRITICIZED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S AEGEAN POLICIES IN A SPEECH AT A DP PROVINCIAL MEETING IN TRABZON. HE ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF "CONDONING"THE GREEK MILITARY BUILDUP ON THE AEGEAN ISLANDS. BOZBEYLI ALSO ALLEDGED THAT FRENCH SHIPS WERE PROTECTING GREECE INTHE AEGAN AND THE GOT HAD DONE NOTHING TO PREVENT IT.

4. THE PRESS AUGUST 2 CONTINUED TO PRINT SPECULATIVE "NEWS", SOME OF IT SEMMINGLY PARTISAN.
A. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN REPORTED FROM ATHENS THAT THE GOT HAS ASKED THE USG AND NATO TO DRAW GREECE'S ATTENTION TO THE OFFENSIVE THREAT TO TURKISH SECURITY POSED BY THE GREEK MILITARY BUILDUP IN THE AEGEAN. THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT " DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS" IN ATHENS "BELIEVE" THAT GOG IS PREPARING TO INCREASE ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO TWELVE MILES AND IS MAKING CALCULATIONS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT VICTORY IN THE RESULTING WAR WILL BE DETERMINED BY SUPERIOR POWER IN THE FIRST THREE DAYS.
B. TERCUMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SISMIK WILL COMPLETE ITS INITIAL OPERATIONS THIS WEEK, RETURN TO CANAKKALE FOR REFUELING, AND THEN RESUME OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CANAKKALE.
C. HURRIYET REPORTED FROM ATHENS THAT THE GOG HAS DECIDED TO RESUME OIL PROSPECTING IN THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE AEGEAN.
D. GUNAYDIN ALLEGED THAT THE GOT HAS REVISED ITS POSITION ON WHETHER ISLANDS HAVE CONTINENTAL SHELVES IN ORDER NOT

TO LOSE THE SUPPORT OF ISLAND COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ONLY THOSE GREEK ISLANDS WHICH ARE ON THE NATURAL EXTENSION OF THE TURKISH MAINLAND DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN CONTINENTAL SHELVES (SPECIFICALLY SAMOTHRACE, LEMNOS, LESBOS, AYIOS, CHIOS, SAMOS, NIKARIA AND THE DODECANESE, INCLUDING RHODES, COS AND CARPATHOS.)
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E. TERCUMAN EDITORIALIZED AUGUST 1 THAT THE BASIS OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE WITH GREECE IS THAT THE ISLANDS NEAR TURKEY ARE GREEK. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTED THAT "THE LEAST ACTION AGAINST THE HORA MUST BE REASON TO DEMAND THESE ISLANDS." THE EDITORIALIST WROTE THAT THE MFA WAS " NOT CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING ON THIS SUBJECT," BUT IF THE LAUSANNE TREATY WERE VIOLATED, " THE TARGET WILL BE THE ISLANDS WHETHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WANTS IT OR NOT."

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